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MEMORANDUM FOR: AIS Observers

FROM: David C. Potter  
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SUBJECT: Closed Area Scallop Sampling Protocols  
and Species Weight Reporting

Concerns have been raised regarding sampling and reporting in the Closed Area Scallop (CAS) Fishery. The purpose of this memo is to clarify the difference in the CAS sampling protocols as well as correct species weight information reported to the Area Coordinators with your obscon.

In the CAS, the average pound per bushel is recorded as a **DRESSED MEAT WEIGHT**. In the non-CAS, the average pound per bushel is recorded as a **ROUND WEIGHT IN THE SHELL**. For CAS trips, the meat weight is recorded in the box shown below on the Scallop Dredge Haul Log.

	KEPT	DISCARDED
# OF BUSHEL	_____	_____
AVG LB / BUSHEL	<u>Meat Weight (5-10lbs.)</u>	<u>Round Weight (in the shell)</u>

Both CAS trips and non-CAS trips follow the same biological sampling protocols, which are described in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Biological Sampling Manual on pages 16 and 17.

For CAS trips, report scallop and yellowtail weights at the end of the trip with your regular obscon information. Be sure to include species weights from **OBSERVED HAULS ONLY**. You are required to report the pounds of kept scallop meats that you observed on your trip as well as the pounds of kept and discarded yellowtail flounder for **OBSERVED HAULS ONLY**. Please use the species weights tally sheet during

your trips to avoid any confusion (see attachment). Please send in your tally sheets with the trip logs. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please feel free to contact Janeen Quintal at (508) 495-2292 or [Janeen.Quintal@noaa.gov](mailto:Janeen.Quintal@noaa.gov).

Attachment:   Closed Area Scallop Trips  
                  Species Weights Tally Sheet

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